

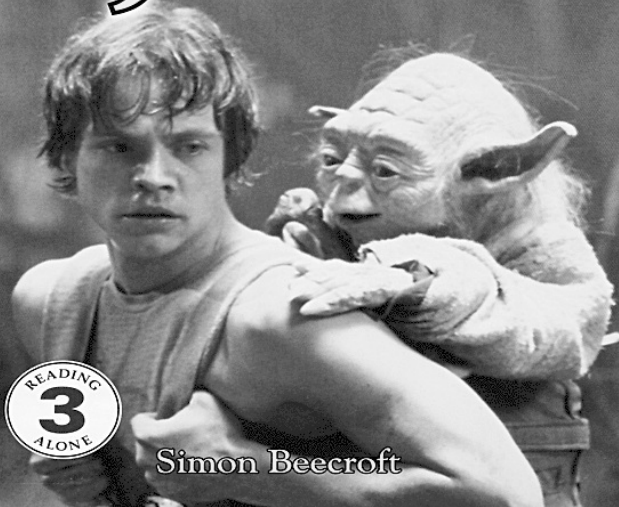
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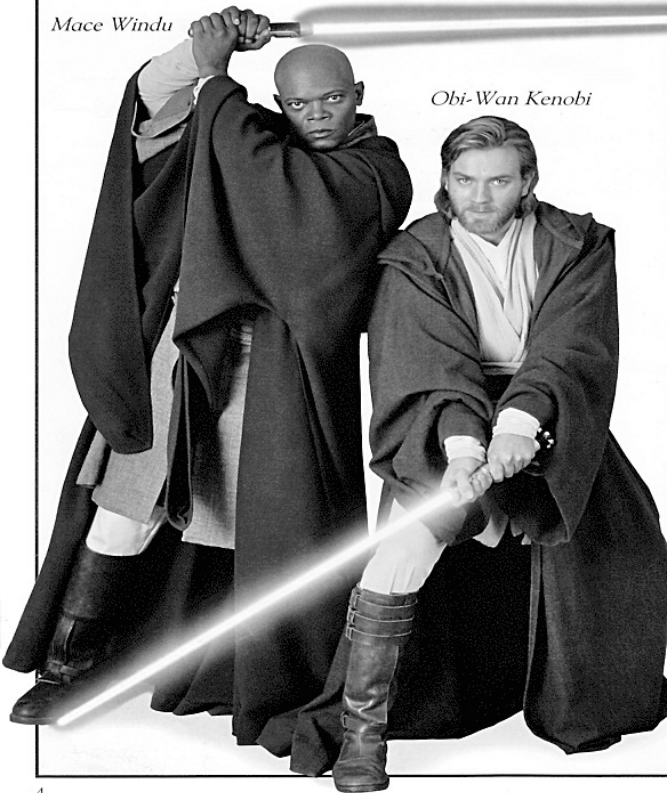


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Mace Windu

Obi-Wan Kenobi



The Jedi

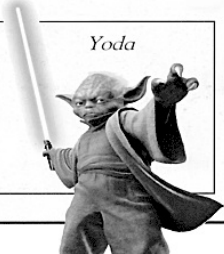
If you want to be a Jedi, you must learn all about Jedi ways. You must train hard. The Jedi are the best fighters in the galaxy but their job is to keep the peace. A Jedi trains hard for many years. Then he or she travels around the galaxy to wherever there is trouble. The Jedi do all they can to bring peace without using violence.

A Jedi learns about a powerful energy field called the Force. The Force is everywhere. A Jedi must be able to understand and use the Force.

Great Power

The Force is a special energy. You cannot see it but you can learn to feel it. Jedi like Yoda use the Force to help others in the galaxy.

Yoda



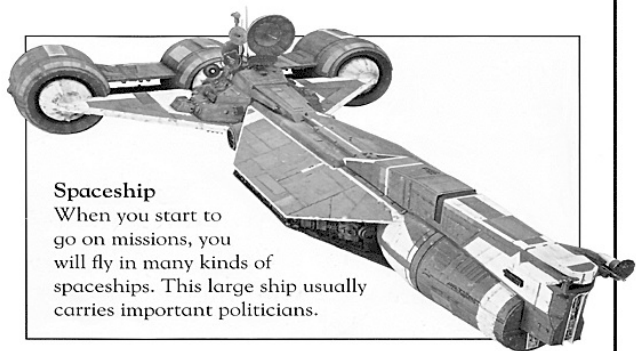


Jedi usually go on missions in pairs.

Long Training

To be a Jedi, you must start your training when you are very young. First you will be a Youngling. If you pass the tests, you become a Padawan Learner. This means you are training to be a Jedi, but you are not a Jedi yet. If you train hard for several years and pass more tests, you will become a Jedi Knight.

When you are a Padawan you will go on missions, but never alone. A more experienced Jedi will always go with you. A Jedi Master is the most experienced Jedi of all. One day, if you continue to learn and train, you too could become a Jedi Master. Then you will train other, younger Jedi apprentices. This is how the Jedi Order works.



Spaceship

When you start to go on missions, you will fly in many kinds of spaceships. This large ship usually carries important politicians.

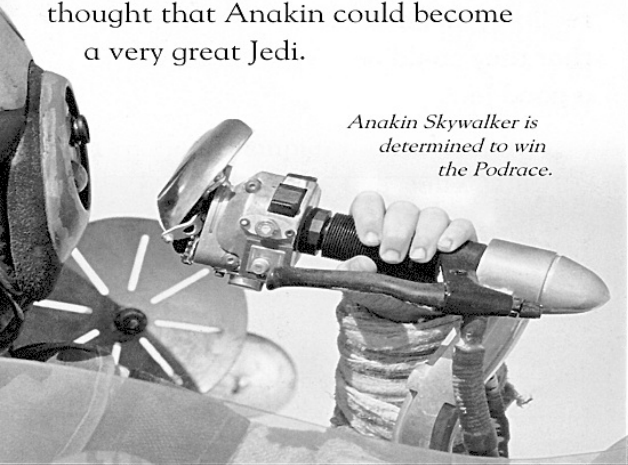
Special Powers

Jedi can come from anywhere in the galaxy. When they are very young, a boy or girl discovers that they have a special power. Perhaps they can move objects with their mind or they can do something really fast. They are using the Force without realising it. This means that they could be a good Jedi.



One such person was Anakin Skywalker. Although he was very young, he was a great pilot. He flew a very fast machine called a Podracer and won a very dangerous race. A Jedi Master called Qui-Gon Jinn (pronounced KWAY-GONN-JIN) met Anakin and decided to train him to be a Jedi. Qui-Gon Jinn thought that Anakin could become a very great Jedi.

*Anakin Skywalker is
determined to win
the Podrace.*



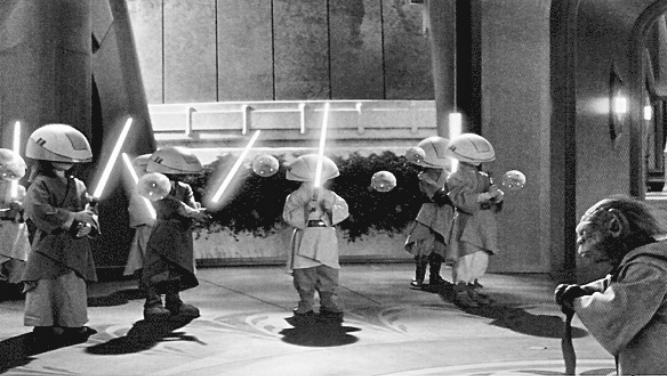
Jedi in Training

When you begin training to be a Jedi you must leave your home and your parents. It's hard to leave behind everyone you love, so you must really want to be a Jedi. You travel from your home to a big planet at the centre of the galaxy. A building called the Jedi Temple will be your home for the rest of your life. Here is where your Jedi training begins.



A New Home

The Jedi Temple is a gigantic building where all Jedi live, train and work. It contains training halls, meeting rooms, libraries and huge hangars for spaceships.



Using a training remote, Jedi Master Yoda teaches the Younglings how to 'see' without using their eyes.

At the Jedi Temple, you have many classes to learn all the Jedi skills. You learn to control your emotions so that you do not feel fear, anger or hatred. You learn to use the Force. Sometimes, you will wear a special training helmet that covers your eyes. You will learn to 'see' only by using the Force.

Master and Learner

When you are training to be a Jedi, you spend a lot of time with your teacher. Your teacher will be a Jedi Master. You will travel everywhere together. You must always be prepared to learn from your teacher.

Anakin Skywalker's teacher was called Obi-Wan Kenobi (pronounced OH-BEE-ONE KEN-OH-BEE). Anakin felt that Obi-Wan was holding him back.

Anakin does not always listen to what Obi-Wan Kenobi tells him.





Anakin believes that Chancellor Palpatine is a good man and listens to his advice.

Anakin was impatient to become a Jedi Knight. He was more powerful than most Jedi but he did not always obey the rules of the Jedi Order. Anakin shared his feelings of frustration with Chancellor Palpatine (pronounced PAL-PA-TEEN). Anakin thought that Palpatine was a good friend to him.

Forbidden Marriage

Like everyone, the Jedi can fall in love but they must not allow any strong emotions to get in the way of defending the galaxy. The Jedi are forbidden to marry because strong emotional attachments can cloud their judgement and stop them from doing their jobs well.



Anakin Skywalker knew that he was not allowed to get married, but he fell in love with a beautiful woman called Padmé Amidala (pronounced PAD-MAY AM-EE-DAL-AH). Anakin and Padmé secretly got married. If anyone found out that Anakin was married, he would have to stop being a Jedi.





The Jedi Council

The most powerful and wise Jedi sit on the Jedi High Council. Their job is to make all the most important decisions. Twelve Jedi sit on the Council at any one time. The Jedi Council meets in one of the tall towers of the Jedi Temple. Two of the most important members of the Jedi Council are Yoda and Mace Windu.



Yoda is a very wise, green-skinned alien who is many hundreds of years old. Mace Windu is a human Jedi with great powers of thought. Yoda and Mace are both highly skilled with the Jedi's only weapon, which is called a lightsabre.



Mace Windu

Lightsabres

Lightsabres work like swords, but the blade is not made of metal. A lightsabre blade is made of glowing energy that can be many different colours. It is much more powerful than a metal blade, so a Jedi must learn how to use it safely and carefully. This is an important part of a Jedi's training.



Qui-Gon protects Queen Amidala from a battle droid.

Jedi must never use their lightsabres to attack others. They must use them only to defend and protect. Jedi are taught to respect life in any form.

Jedi build their own lightsabres, so every lightsabre is different. If you lose your lightsabre you must build another one yourself.



Lightsabre handle

You hold your lightsabre by the handle. When you activate it, the blade comes out of the end. The blade can slice through almost anything.



Lightsabre Combat

The Jedi use their lightsabres to defend themselves and others. Lightsabres can stop objects or deflect blaster fire. They can slice open sealed doors with ease. Sometimes a Jedi has to fight someone else with a lightsabre. The Jedi use many fast moves to block their opponent. They use the Force to make their movements faster. They also use the Force to guess what moves their opponent will make, even before they have made them.

*Jedi Master Qui-Gon
fights a deadly enemy
called Darth Maul.*

Mind Tricks

The Jedi can use the Force to influence the actions of other people. With a special wave of the hand, a Jedi can tell a person what he or she wants them to think or do. The person repeats back what the Jedi has just said, unaware that the Jedi has put the thought in their mind. This is called a Jedi mind trick.

Jedi mind tricks work only on certain people. They do not work on everyone. Certain strong-willed people can resist the Jedi mind trick.



All in the Mind
Once Obi-Wan used a Jedi mind trick on a small-time criminal. He convinced the crook to start living an honest life.

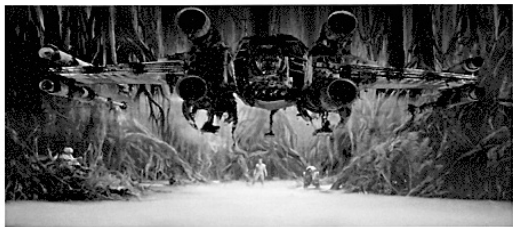
Anakin Skywalker used to be a slave owned by a flying alien called Watto. Qui-Gon tried to free Anakin by using a mind trick on Watto, but Watto could not be influenced.



Mind Powers

Jedi can also use the Force to move objects without touching them. For a Jedi, there is no difference between a large object and a small object. A skilled Jedi can move objects of any size, large or small.





Great Teacher

Yoda taught a young Jedi called Luke Skywalker how to lift heavy objects using the Force. At first Luke found it hard to believe it was possible.

Wise Jedi like Yoda can lift very heavy objects using their mind alone. Yoda can lift heavy rocks and even raise a spaceship out of a swamp!

Jedi mind powers are also useful if a Jedi drops his lightsabre in a battle. He can quickly make it jump back into his hand using the Force.

Jedi Equipment

The Jedi carry certain special tools when they go on a mission. They never know what they might need! They carry their tools on a special belt called a utility belt. They can hang their lightsabre on their utility belt. The belt also holds a medical kit, tools, food capsules and a special communication device called a comlink. The Jedi use comlinks to send and receive messages.



Comlink



Qui-Gon uses his comlink to speak with Obi-Wan Kenobi.



Qui-Gon uses his holoprojector to show realistic pictures of a spaceship.

Another useful Jedi device is called a holoprojector, which enables a Jedi to record an image and then play it back later. A holoprojector can also transmit a moving image of yourself to someone else, like a video link.

Holoprojector



Special Missions

Special missions require special equipment. If you are going to swim underwater for long periods of time, you will need a Jedi breather. It fits into your mouth so you can breathe air through it. It holds enough air to last for two hours. Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi once used breathers to reach an underwater city on the planet of Naboo.



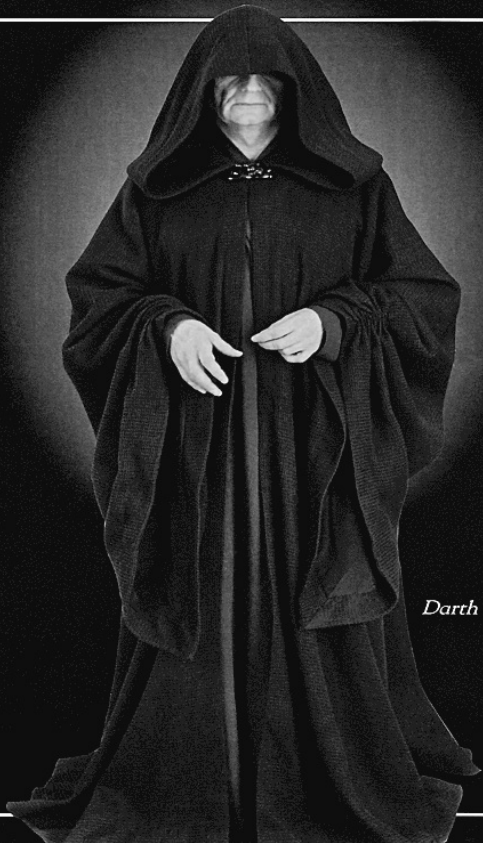


Another useful device is a pair of macrobinoculars. They electronically zoom in on objects that are very far away. They even work in the dark!

Tracer Beacon

If you want to keep track of a suspect, you could stick a tracer beacon to their spaceship. It sends signals that enable you to follow the spaceship.





Darth Sidious

Deadly Enemies

The Jedi's deadly enemies are called the Sith. The first Sith were once Jedi but they turned bad. Most Jedi use the Force for good but the Sith use the dark side of the Force to gain greater powers. The Sith want to destroy the Jedi.

A long time ago, the Sith and the Jedi fought a war. The Jedi defeated the Sith – or so they thought. Unknown to the Jedi, one Sith Master survived. The Sith Master secretly trained one other person so that his skills would be passed on when he died. For a thousand years, each Sith Master trained one other person to keep the Sith skills alive. The final Sith Master was called Darth Sidious (pronounced SID-EE-US). He planned to destroy the Jedi once and for all.

Sith Battles

Sidious trained a ferocious alien called Maul. Maul had tattoos all over his head and had horns on his skull. His teeth were razor sharp and his eyes were

yellow. Maul fought with a deadly lightsabre with two blades, one at each end. He was a very fast fighter and the dark side of the Force gave him terrifying strength.



*The Sith use
lightsabres with
red blades.*



Sidious sent Maul to kill Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan. Maul killed Qui-Gon but he was eventually defeated by Obi-Wan.

Dooku

When Maul was killed, Sidious had to find someone else to train. He found a Jedi Master called Dooku. Dooku had left the Jedi order and could not resist the chance to become a Sith.



Unusual Enemy

The Jedi and the Sith are usually the only people who use lightsabres. However, the Sith Count Dooku trained a man-droid to use a lightsabre. His name was General Grievous (pronounced GREE-VUS). General Grievous fought with stolen lightsabres. Each time he killed a Jedi in battle, he took the Jedi's lightsabre.



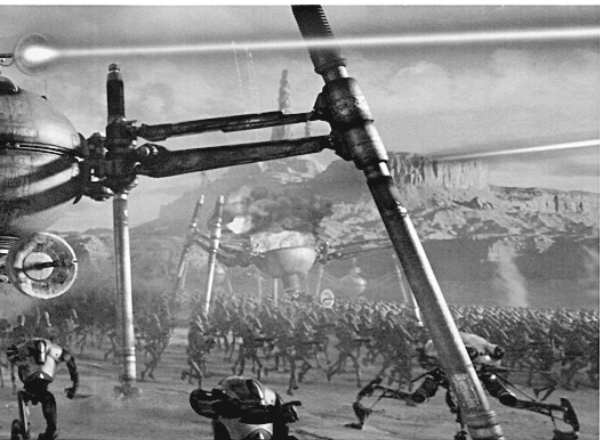
Grievous was a deadly foe because his two mechanical arms could split into four. This meant he could fight with four lightsabres at the same time. During a war in the galaxy, Grievous fought Obi-Wan Kenobi. Grievous wanted to kill Obi-Wan and steal his lightsabre. The battle was ferocious, but in the end Obi-Wan managed to defeat Grievous.





War!

For thousands of years the Jedi were peacekeepers in the galaxy. The Jedi had no idea that the Sith were planning to destroy them. Anakin's friend Chancellor Palpatine was actually the Sith Lord Sidious. Sidious created huge armies of droids and started a war in the galaxy.



The first battle was on a dusty red planet called Geonosis (pronounced GEE-O-NO-SIS). The droid armies attacked the Jedi. Massive tanks on giant legs walked across the battlefield, firing all the time. Many Jedi were killed. Next, the droid armies began to attack planets, one after another.



Jedi Knight, Aayla Secura, goes into battle on a boggy world covered in giant fungus plants.

Brave Generals

When war began, the Jedi had to stop the droid armies from attacking every planet in the galaxy. There were far fewer Jedi in the galaxy than droid armies. Many Jedi became great generals. Yoda was commander of all the armies, with Mace alongside him.

The Jedi fought battles on many strange planets. Aayla Secura (pronounced AY-LA SEK-URE-RAH) went to a planet covered in dense jungles to stop an enemy attack. Ki-Adi-Mundi (pronounced KEE-ADDY-MUNDY) led an army to a dangerous enemy planet covered with crystals.

Ki-Adi-Mundi is a Jedi Master of great power and skill.



Jedi Pilots

The Jedi are some of the best pilots in the galaxy. Often they use their Force powers when they are flying spaceships.

Anakin Skywalker is one of the best pilots in the galaxy. He can fly at top speed using his Force powers. The Jedi can fly many kinds of vehicles, including flying cars called airspeeders. Once, Obi-Wan piloted an underwater ship called a bongo!



Anakin uses all his Jedi skills to fly an airspeeder through a busy city.



Obi-Wan pilots his Jedi starfighter away from danger.

When the Jedi go on missions, they often fly small ships called starfighters.

There is just enough space for the Jedi pilot and a small droid.



Pilot Droids

Pilot droids sit in spaceships with Jedi and help them to reach their destination. This droid is called R2-D2.

Space Battle

During the war in the galaxy, Jedi flew small attack ships called Interceptors. They are faster than ordinary starfighters. During a crucial space battle of the war, hundreds of spaceships fought each other. Anakin made many brave attacks in his Interceptor.



Obi-Wan flew close to Anakin in his own ship. Obi-Wan's ship was hit by enemy fire. Although he was in great danger, he managed to land his ship and get out just in time!

Anakin and Obi-Wan fly into the heart of the space battle.



Dark Side

The worst thing a Jedi can do is to turn away from the good side of the Force and begin using the dark side. One of the most powerful Jedi of all, Anakin Skywalker, turned to the dark side during the war. The evil Sith Lord Sidious persuaded Anakin to join him and become a Sith.

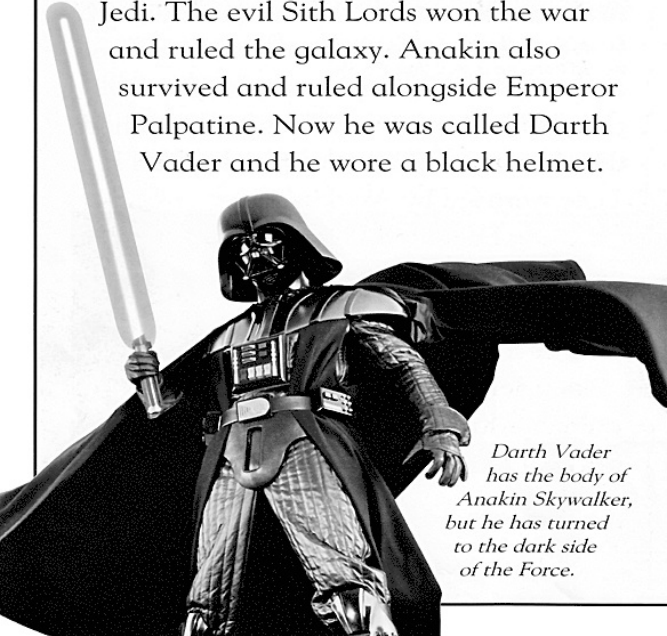


Anakin turned away from his loving wife, Padmé, and attacked the Jedi Temple. He killed many Jedi. Anakin even tried to kill his oldest friend and teacher, Obi-Wan. Obi-Wan did not want to fight his old friend, but he had no choice. It took all his strength and powers, but in the end he thought he had killed Anakin. He was wrong.



A New Era

The war was the most dangerous time the galaxy had ever seen. Millions of people died, including nearly all of the Jedi. The evil Sith Lords won the war and ruled the galaxy. Anakin also survived and ruled alongside Emperor Palpatine. Now he was called Darth Vader and he wore a black helmet.



Darth Vader has the body of Anakin Skywalker, but he has turned to the dark side of the Force.



Luke Skywalker never thought he would become a Jedi, but he did.

A few Jedi survived. They hid until the time was right to destroy the Sith. They were led by Anakin's children, Luke and Leia. After many long battles, the Sith were destroyed.

As long as there are Jedi, there is hope for the galaxy. May the Force be with you!

Luke Skywalker is the son of Anakin and Padmé.



Glossary

Airspeeder

A type of flying car.

Apprentice

A person who is learning a skill.

Blaster

A gun that fires a deadly beam of light.

Comlink

A communication device that sends and receives messages.

Dark side

The part of the Force associated with fear and hatred.

Droid

A kind of robot.
R2-D2 is a droid.

Empire

A group of nations ruled over by one leader, who is called an Emperor. Palpatine is the Emperor who rules the Galactic Empire.

The Force

An energy field created by all living things.

Galactic

Something from or to do with a galaxy.

Galaxy

A group of millions of stars and planets.

Holoprojector

A device that records still or moving images.

Interceptors

A type of Jedi attack ship that is faster than a starfighter.

Jedi Knight

A *Star Wars* warrior with special powers who defends the good of the galaxy. Anakin Skywalker, Luke Skywalker and Ob-Wan Kenobi are all Jedi Knights.

Jedi Master

The most experienced Jedi of all.

Jedi Order

The name of a group that defends peace and justice in the galaxy.

Jedi Temple

The Jedi headquarters where the Jedi Council meets and Jedi live, train and work.

Lightsabre

A Jedi's and Sith's weapon, made of

glowing energy.

Light side

The part of the Force associated with goodness, compassion and healing

Macrobinoculars

Binoculars that electronically zoom in on objects far away, even in the dark.

Missions

Special tasks or duties.

Padawan Learner

A Jedi who is learning the ways of the Force.

Republic

A nation or group of nations in which the people vote for their leaders.

Sith

Enemies of the Jedi who use the dark side of the Force.

Starfighter

A small, fast spaceship used by Jedi and others.

Youngling

The first stage of Jedi training, before you become a Padawan Learner.

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